



# **Long Term Services and Supports HCBS Rate Study Methodology Workgroup- Meals Meeting Agenda**

August 2, 2023  
3 PM (Central) – 4:30 PM (Central)

## **Agenda**

### **1. Welcome**

Claire Payne with Guidehouse (GH) welcomed attendees to the meeting, presented the agenda for the meeting and began facilitating.

### **2. Provider Survey Submission Update**

GH updated attendees on the status of provider cost survey submissions and reminded the attendees of the Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> submission deadline.

### **3. Scope of Project**

GH discussed the purpose of the rate study as it pertains to key deliverables like rate models, fiscal impact, and the final report.

GH outlined its approach to rate recommendations and the elements that go into building a service rate.

### **4. Wage Analysis**

GH walked through the factors incorporated into wage adjustments:

- Survey wages weighted by number of FTEs
- Inflation
- Supplemental pay

GH presented cost trends nationally from BLS data.

GH compared wages in South Dakota (adjusted for inflation) to national averages.

GH discussed identifying additional inflationary factors related to cost of food and industries specific to food processing and delivery.

### **5. Peer State Comparisons**

GH discussed the volume of functional assessment tools utilized nationally to determine LTSS needs and patient acuity.

GH outlined the prevalence of the InterRAI-HC assessment tool across the country and its prominence as an emerging standard evaluation instrument.

GH identified Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Montana Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wyoming as peer states for which LTSS rate methodologies and values would be examined.

GH outlined the key LTSS rate and program themes among peer states.

- Most peer states utilize 1-3 rate tiers for assisted living services.
- States without standard adult day service rates have separate social and health model adult day rates.
- Community Living Home programs vary significantly in structure between states.
- Peer state meal rates are largely structured as a single statewide rate per meal.

GH presented on the rate comparisons, identifying South Dakota as the only state that has provider specific meal rates whereas all other peer states have a statewide average with the exception of Wyoming that has separate rates for frozen and hot meals.

GH noted an update to the slide deck to show provider averages for HOPE Waiver and State-Funded and Title III. These averages vary substantially.

GH plans to research peer states additionally to determine if there are differences in funding sources that could be influencing rates.

## **6. Advisory Workgroup Timeline and Next Steps**

GH presented the dates and plans for the next 3 Workgroup meetings.

GH identified the next Workgroup meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> as being centered on the results of the cost and wage survey as well as preliminary rate components.

## **7. Adjournment @ 3:55 PM (Central)**

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